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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/06

SPONSOR Harden LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE ENMU Education & Technology Programs SB 506

ANALYST Lewis

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	240.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 506 appropriates \$240,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University to expand the College of Education and Technology programs.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$240,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Higher Education Department (HED) notes that, according to Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) President Dr. Steven Gamble, the purpose of this appropriation is to employ three professors in Education Technology, Bilingual Education, and Reading to support outreach efforts to sites throughout Eastern New Mexico that do not facilitate distance education delivery.

According to HED, the \$240,000 appropriation request includes:

- \$195,000 for personnel services and benefits, and
- \$45,000 to cover other costs.

ENMU's College of Education and Technology currently offers distance education courses at Clovis/CAFB, Farmington, Hobbs (Lea County), Roswell, and Ruidoso.

HED adds ENMU is a regional comprehensive university centered on the preparation of teachers, administrators, and counselors. The university has liberal arts and education programs that provide highly qualified teachers. Technology plays an innovative role in the programs by utilizing distance education technologies, training labs, and ITV technologies.

This proposal was not submitted by ENMU to HED through the Research, Public Service, and Special Program requests, nor is it included in the HED's funding recommendation for FY07.

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